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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS COMMENTS ON AFRICA

1. SUMMARY. PRAVDA REPLAYS EXCERPTS FROM IDI AMIN'S LETTER TO THE OAU CRITICIZING U.S. POLICY IN AFRICA, WITH JABS AT THE SECRETARY'S UPCOMING VISIT. IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT THE GUERRILLA WARFARE IN THE SOUTH IS SUCCESSFULLY ON THE UPSWING. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA APRIL 21 CARRIES A TASS REPORT FROM ADDIS ABABA THAT IDI AMIN SENT A LETTER TO THE OAU IN WHICH HE CLAIMS THAT THE GOAL OF U.S. AFRICAN POLICY TO TO "SUPPORT THE RACIST REGIMES IN THEIR BATTLE AGAINST THE LIBERATION FORCES". ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, THIS MESSAGE WAS WRITTEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPCOMING VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER. THE

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GOAL OF THIS VISIT, AMIN REPORTEDLY SAID, IS TO "DIVIDE

AND DISORGANIZE AFRICAN LEADERS," AND "TO WEAKEN SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS" WHICH SUPPORT THE "STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA." THE REPORT CONCLUDES BY POINTING OUT THAT "AT THE REQUEST OF THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT, THIS COUNTRY WAS EXCLUDE" FROM THE SECRETARY'S PROGRAM.

3. IZVESTIYA APRIL 20 CARRIES A REPORT BY B. PILYATSKIN, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC INTERRUPTED", WHICH STATES THAT "PATRIOTS OF ZIMBABWE" DESTROYED PART OF THE RAILWAY LINE AT BEITBRIDGE, RHODESIA, THUS GREATLY REDUCING RAIL ACCESS TO SOUTH AFRICA AND THE SEA; PILYATSKIN CLAIMS THAT 70 PER CENT OF RHODESIA'S RAIL TRAFFIC TRANSITTED BEITBRIDGE. FOLLOWING A BRIEF TREATMENT OF THE USUAL POLEMICS CONCERNING WESTERN SUPPORT FOR THE "RACISTS", AND U.S. VIOLATION OF THE U.N. SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, PILYATSKIN CONCLUDES THAT THE "WIDENING PARTISAN ACTIVITIES" AGAINST THE REPRESSIVE REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS THE ANSWER TO VARIOUS CALLS FOR A "RESOLUTION OF THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM."

4. COMMENT. NOT SURPRISINGLY, TREATMENT OF THE SECRETARY'S TRIP IS NEGATIVE BUT REMAINS RELATIVELY LOW-KEY. THE IZVESTIYA COUNTERPOINT IS DESIGNED TO REITERATE THAT ONLY ONE SUPERPOWER REALLY STANDS ON THE SIDE OF LIBERATION.

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